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### Sharing Materials Through Inter-Library Loan

Rochester Public Library shares its materials not only with the residents of Rochester and Southeastern Minnesota but also with library users throughout North America. Using the FirstSearch database, librarians in the United States and Canada can search for library materials that are owned in libraries throughout the world and make requests to borrow materials from other libraries, including RPL. The types of materials requested from RPL reflect the library's broad collection, ranging from specific automobile repair manuals and parenting handbooks to classic movies and contemporary fiction titles. Sometimes the requests mirror current trends and events. For example, following the devastating hurricanes that recently struck the Gulf Coast states, a library in Louisiana

requested a construction manual from us. A few libraries have discovered our unique collection of **Dr. Who** sound recordings. Some of the most-requested titles from RPL include (not in any particular order):

**Become a Home Inspector!:** A concise guide to starting up and operating a successful home inspection business by Michael A. Pompeii.

**Natural Cures "They" Don't Want You to Know About** [book ; compact disc]: by Kevin Trudeau.

**Jump Attack:** the formula for vertical game by Tim S. Grover

**Antique Trunks:** guide for restoring your trunk by Al & Carla Derosier

**Mirage** (VHS)/Universal Pictures Company (Gregory Peck movie)

**Give Your Dog a Bone** by Dr. Ian Billinghurst

**The North Star** by Peter Reynolds (A Young Adult Book)

**Tarpon Fishing in Mexico and Florida** by E.G. Spencer-Churchill  
**Xanadu** (CD) from the original motion picture soundtrack by Olivia Newton-John

**An Introduction to Stirling Engines** by James Senft

**Cigarette Lighters Identification and Values** by James Flanagan

**Writing Social Stories with Carol Gray** (2 videos with workbook)

**Prozac: Panacea or Pandora?** by Ann Blake Tracy

**The Poliquin Principles** by Charles Poliquin

**Disneyland: The Nickel Tour** by Bruce Gordon

**The Eye of the I** by David R. Hawkins



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### Libraries Change Lives

When Joel Barker was five years old he had a vision for his future. He wanted to be an astronaut, so he learned to read by the time he was six and started reading every book about outer space and the future that he could find at Rochester Public Library. Now Joel is a world renowned futurist, author and consultant, with an extensive client list including IBM, Excel Energy, Sprint, Ford, Kodak, Mayo Clinic, Honeywell, Merck, General Mills, the US Army, the US Navy, the nations of Canada, Venezuela, & Singapore, the Center



Joel (left) and his older brother John. Joel Barker today.

for Disease Control, and the Library of Congress. Joel's book on paradigms, *Future Edge*, published in 1992, was listed as one of the most influential business books of that year by the prestigious *Library Journal*. It has been used for more than a decade and has been translated into 17 languages. It is currently used as a text book at over 100 colleges and universities. His impact as a futurist has been significant and global.

Joel credits the Rochester Public Library for nurturing his development as a futurist. "It was the chief librarian, at the Rochester Public Library, Lucille Gottry, that fostered my interest in outer space and the future. Ms. Gottry knew me and my voracious appetite for books about outer space; she encouraged me and even starting ordering additional titles just for me." This had a major impact on Joel's life, so later in life when he was asked to be the keynote speaker at the Minnesota State Library Conference, he was happy to accept and repay the debt he felt to librarians. It just so happens that an award was given at the conference for Minnesota's "Librarian of the Year", and, you guessed it, the award that year was given to Joel's childhood librarian, Lucille Gottry. He was so touched that he nearly cried, and when he came to the podium as the keynote speaker, he shared his story about how Ms. Gottry had helped him to become a futurist.

What is a futurist? It is what Joel was doing as a kid. "I got attuned to technology and started reading magazines and journals such as *Popular Mechanics* and *Science*, and I became sensitive to what might happen in the future". There are two types of futurists according to Joel: content futurists and process futurists. Content futurists try to envision **what** might happen in the next 25 years. Process futurists focus on **how** we think about the future. Joel says, "You can and should shape your own future; because if you don't someone else surely will." It is gratifying to discover that Rochester Public Library helped Joel to shape his.

For more information about Joel Barker got to [www.joelbarker.com](http://www.joelbarker.com).

### 5th Annual Wit, Wisdom & Wine - Huge Success

The 5th Annual **Wit, Wisdom, and Wine** fund raiser, was held on Saturday, January 14, 2006. The headliners of the night were Coleen Rowley, FBI Whistle Blower and James Russell, *Will Democracy Survive in Russia?*



Over 200 attendees sipped wine and nibbled on hors d'oeuvres as they engaged with intellectually stimulating and entertaining speakers. The guests also browsed the silent auction items donated by Rochester Public Library supporters. Approximately \$13,000 was raised by this event.



The Rochester Public Library Foundation is grateful to Yaggy Colby Associates, Home Federal Savings Bank, Eagle Crest Capital Bank, Construction Partnership, Jaspers and Davies Printing, for their generous underwriting of the event.